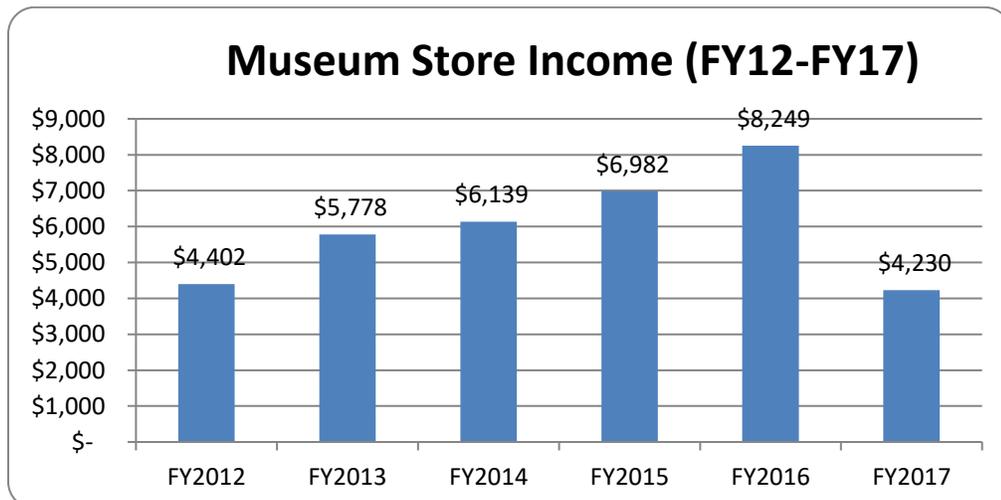


**Carl Sandburg Historic Site Association**  
**FY2017 Highlights**  
**(July 2016 – June 2017)**

1. Vitale Foundation Grant received - \$18,000 (May-Oct 2017) / Submitted by Pat Kane & Pam Fox.
  - a. Spink, Skabootch & Swipes – Carl Sandburg Theatre Troupe – Three Performances June 2017 (Railroad Days) – Directed by Tim Holmes. Resounding Success!!! Future Performances in Area Public Schools.
  - b. Books for Distribution at SSS Performances & in schools
  - c. Exterior Painting of Visitors Center
  - d. Picket Fence Reconstruction
  
2. **CSHSA Endowment Balance - June 30, 2017. Total \$25,271.82.** (Galesburg Community Foundation). Approximate 12% return in FY17! \$450 received / \$300 deposited with GCF – FY2017
  
3. **Eight Songbag Concerts Fall 2016 & Spring 2017** – Most concerts very well-attended. Coordinated by Tom Foley.
  - a. **Fall 2016**
    - i. August 27, 2016 – Andreas Kapsalis
    - ii. September 24, 2016 – Carol Jean Trulson and Jera Farajpanahi
    - iii. October 22, 2016 – Daniel Leahy & Friends
    - iv. November 26, 2016 – Mike & Ellen Baum
  - b. **Spring 2017**
    - i. February 25, 2017 – Eric Pettit Lion
    - ii. March 25, 2017 – Zak & Erin
    - iii. April 29, 2017 – Ada & the Shubies
    - iv. May 20, 2017 – Mike Budde
  
4. **Museum Store FY2017 Income down from previous years. Looking for a rebound in FY18.**



5. **Inklings & Idlings** – Editor Mike Hobbs published four more excellent quarterly newsletters.

6. **Museum Store - New merchandise item & reprint added –**
  - a. Annual Inventory Completed – January 27, 2017
  - b. Dover Press – Account established
  - c. Recently published titles added:
    - i. Rootabaga Stories (2017) / Dover
    - ii. Wedding Procession of Rag Doll and Broom Handle (2017) / Dover
    - iii. Poetry for Kids: Carl Sandburg, ed by Kathryn Benzel (2017)/ ??
7. **Maintenance & Repair**
  - a. **Vitale Family Foundation Grant – Projects contracted for completion by Oct. 27, 2017**
    - i. Picket Fence
    - ii. Exterior Paint on Visitors Center

8. **CSHSA Memberships FY 2017**

**Memberships 2017 Received** – (through Aug 31, 2017)

<b>CSHSA MEMBERSHIPS (as of 31-August -2017)</b>					
Total \$\$		\$ 2,655	\$ 3,015	\$ 2,830	\$ 3,140
CSHSA Memberships		2014	2015	2016	2017
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>66</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>67</b>
Senior	\$ 10	21	17	22	23
Individual	\$ 20	18	21	20	16
Family	\$ 40	14	18	18	13
Donor	\$ 100	10	11	10	12
Sponsor	\$ 250	2	2	2	3

9. **CSHSA Website / Facebook – FY2017**

- a. 200th Sandburg’s Hometown article posted on May 1, 2017! Thirty-nine (39) Sandburg’s Hometown articles written by Barbara Schock were added to our website July 2016 – June 2017 and posted on the CSHSA Facebook page as well as on “Remember When in Galesburg” Facebook page. Total Sandburg’s Hometown articles posted: February 4, 2013 through September 5, 2017: **213 article posts**. Thank you, Barbara Schock!!
  - b. CSHSA Website updated on regular basis with Sandburg’s Hometown, Songbag Concerts, Spink, Skabootch & Swipes Performances.
  - c. Kuwait Poetry Competition video posted...8-year old Nakshatra Neeraja “I am the People” recitation. First prize for English Poem recitation. The Indian Community School of Kuwait.
10. **Sandburg Days Festival 2017** – CSHSA Board Members participated in the event planning and the programs.
11. **Semi-annual Fall & Spring Garden Clean-up** – October 8, 2016 & April 12, 2017. Led by the Knox County Master Gardeners. CSHSA members participated in the cleanup activities along with a number of wonderful volunteers!